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1. TEXTS OF DRAFT NOTES IN REFTEL A WERE DELIVERED TO METIN O. KARACA, NEWLY APPOINTED HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND VOLKAN VURAL (KARACA'S DEPUTY) ON OCTOBER 22. BOTH KARACA AND VURAL READ THE DRAFT NOTES AND QUICKLY MADE REFERENCES TO THE APPROPRIATE ARTICLE IN 1974 TRADE ACT. KARACA IN A QUICK FIRST REACTION STATED THAT THE TEXTS WOULD BE STUDIED WITH CARE. HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD TELEPHONE THE ECONOMIC COUNSELOR AS SOON AS THE TEXTS HAD BEEN STUDIED IN DEPTH.

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2. VURAL TOLD ACTING ECONOMIC COUNSELOR ON OCTOBER 23 THAT

THE DRAFT TEXTS HAD BEEN CIRCULARIZED TO ALL OF THE INTERESTED TURKISH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WITH A REQUEST TO EXPEDITE THEIR COMMENTS. HE SAID THAT HIS OFFICE SHOULD BE READY WITH SOME FINAL COMMENTS IN ABOUT TEN DAYS. FROM HIS OWN STUDY OF THE TEXTS, HE CONSIDERED THAT THEY CONFORMED WITH THE ORAL UNDERSTANDINGS EARLIER ARRIVED AT AND AS A RESULT FORESAW NO MAJOR DIFFICULTIES WITH THE LANGUAGE. HE DID STATE, THOUGH, THAT IN HIS OPINION THERE WERE SOME LANGUAGE CHANGES REQUIRED FOR PURPOSES OF CLARIFICATION.

3. DCM, ACCOMPANIED BY ACTING ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, CALLED ON GUNDUZ TUNCBILEK, (DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF PLANS AND PROGRAMS FOR CYPRUS, MFA) ON OCTOBER 23. DCM DISCUSSED IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL THE POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL B, PARAS 5A THROUGH F. AT FIRST TUNCBILEK WAS A LITTLE CONFUSED BY THE TIE-IN OF GSP AND CYPRUS PROBLEMS (REFTEL B). HE WAS GIVEN A COPY OF THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF PUBLIC LAW 93-618, TITLE V (SECTION 502 (B) (4) (A THROUG D). IN THE FURTHER DISCUSSION OF ACCESS, REMOVAL OF MOVABLE PROPERTY, REGISTRATION AND THE LIKE, TUNCBILEK STRESSED THAT WITH A LITTLE GOOD WILL ON BOTH SIDES ALL OF THESE MATTERS COULD BE SETTLED AMICABLY, AND HE UNDERScoreD THAT HE WAS "READY TO HELP IN ANY DIFFICULTY." HOWEVER, HE ASKED FOR SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF COMPLAINTS INCLUDING PLACES, DATES, AND PERSONS INVOLVED, AND UNDERTOOK TO BE HELPFUL IN EFFORTS TO RESOLVE SUCH PROBLEMS.

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